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SUBJ: INDO-BANGLADESH MARITIME BOUNDARY: SOURCE OF
BENGALLEE ADVICE.

REF: DACCA 1253 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY LONDON ONLY CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR D.P. O'CONNELL, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, ALL SOUL'S COLLEGE, OXFORD, WAS IN CONNECTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO SET UP MEETING BETWEEN THE PROFESSOR AND JOHN NORTON MOORE TO DISCUSS LAW OF SEA ISSUES RELATING TO BAHAMAS. PROFESSOR O'CONNELL IS LAW OF SEA ADVISER TO BAHAMAS.
2. CONSIDERING FACT THAT GENEVA LOS SESSION BEGINS MARCH 17, AT WHICH O'CONNELL WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE AND VERY LIMITED LIKLIHOOD OF CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR BY EMBASSY LONDON OFFICERS, WE SUGGEST THAT US LOS DELS, PARTICULARLY PROFESSOR MOORE, EITHER FROM PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH PROFESSOR O'CONNELL OR IN CONTACTS DURING GENEVA LOS MEETING, MAY BE IN BETTER POSITION THAN LONDON TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ADVICE O'CONNELL MAY HAVE BEEN GIVING TO BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES RE BANGLADESH/INDIAN MARITIME BOUNDARY MATTERS.
3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY DACCA MAY WISH TO REPEAT REFTEL TO DEPARTMENT D/LOS TO REQUEST PROFESSOR MOORE'S ADVICE.

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